(c) whether Government have any proposal to increase the number of IIMs and IITs in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Total number of seats available in IIMs and IITs at present are 1440 and 11012 respectively.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Setting up of new Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) and Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) are under consideration of the Government for the Eleventh Five Year Plan which is under formulation.

Research in universities

†2804. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the research has been separated from the universities in the country during the past few years and because of it major researches are not being carried out in the universities;

(b) if so, the efforts made to promote research in the universities during the last three years;

(c) the total amount spent thereon; and

(d) the details of efforts made to accommodate researchers in the universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI) (a) No, Sir.

(b) In order to promote Basic Science Research in Indian Universities, a Task Force under the Chairmanship of Prof. M.M. Sharma was constituted in March, 2005 by the Central Government. The recommendations of the Task Force have been accepted for implementation through the University Grants Commission.

(c) and (d) The UGC has introduced a number of schemes for promotion of Research in universities and colleges. The amounts spent on these schemes during 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 were Rs.15255.27 lakh, Rs.16200.27 lakh and Rs.25021.74 lakh respectively.

Universities in the country

†2805. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are only 350 universities for the entire population of the country and most of them are either private or their reputation is not good or they are not recognized by the University Grants Commission;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.